* Analysis of Baseball- May Swenson
* Slam, Dunk & Hook- Yusef Komunyakaa

Directions: Read the poems listed above and answer the following questions on your own paper.

1. What do you think May Swenson’s purpose was for writing “Analysis of Baseball”?
2. Swenson uses onomatopoeia frequently in “Analysis of Baseball.” List the examples of onomatopoeia.
3. In lines 11-16 list the examples of alliteration and assonance (and label your example as either alliteration or assonance).
4. Identify three examples of imagery in the poem. Write the example and the line number.
5. What senses do the words “40,000 fans exploded” appeal to? Explain.
6. How does the painting that is on the page with “Slam, Dunk, & Hook” relate to the poem?
7. What line(s) would you use as a caption for this painting from “Slam, Dunk, & Hook”?
8. In “Slam, Dunk, & Hook,” identify at least 5 vivid verbs (verbs= action words)
9. What words use alliteration in lines 32-33 of “Slam, Dunk, & Hook”?
10. Which of these two poems is your favorite? Why?